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Substitute Senate Bill No. 1027

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The Committee on Government Administration and Elections reported through SEN. SLOSSBERG of the 14th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PROGRAM REVIEW AND INVESTIGATIONS COMMITTEE CONCERNING THE POSTPONEMENT OF PROGRAM TERMINATION DATES IN THE SUNSET LAW.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. Section 2c-2b of the general statutes is repealed and the
- 2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):
- 3 (a) The following governmental entities and programs are
- 4 terminated, effective July 1, [2013] 2014, unless reestablished in
- 5 accordance with the provisions of section 2c-10:
- 6 (1) Regulation of hearing aid dealers pursuant to chapter 398;
- 7 (2) Repealed by P.A. 99-102, S. 51;
- 8 (3) Connecticut Homeopathic Medical Examining Board, established
- 9 under section 20-8;

10 (4) State Board of Natureopathic Examiners, established under 11 section 20-35;

- 12 (5) Board of Examiners of Electrologists, established under section
- 13 20-268;
- 14 (6) Connecticut State Board of Examiners for Nursing, established
- 15 under section 20-88;
- 16 (7) Connecticut Board of Veterinary Medicine, established under
- 17 section 20-196;
- 18 (8) Liquor Control Commission, established under section 30-2;
- 19 (9) Connecticut State Board of Examiners for Optometrists,
- 20 established under section 20-128a;
- 21 (10) Board of Examiners of Psychologists, established under section
- 22 20-186;
- 23 (11) Regulation of speech and language pathologists pursuant to
- 24 chapter 399;
- 25 (12) Connecticut Examining Board for Barbers and Hairdressers and
- 26 Cosmeticians established under section 20-235a;
- 27 (13) Board of Examiners of Embalmers and Funeral Directors
- 28 established under section 20-208;
- 29 (14) Regulation of nursing home administrators pursuant to chapter
- 30 368v;
- 31 (15) Board of Examiners for Opticians established under section 20-
- 32 139a;
- 33 (16) Medical Examining Board established under section 20-8a;
- 34 (17) Board of Examiners in Podiatry, established under section 20-
- 35 51;

36 (18) Board of Chiropractic Examiners, established under section 20-

- 37 25;
- 38 (19) The agricultural lands preservation program, established under
- 39 section 22-26cc;
- 40 (20) Nursing Home Ombudsmen Office, established under section
- 41 17a-405;
- 42 (21) Mobile Manufactured Home Advisory Council established
- 43 under section 21-84a;
- 44 (22) Repealed by P.A. 93-262, S. 86, 87;
- 45 (23) The Child Day Care Council established under section 17b-748;
- 46 (24) The Connecticut Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental
- 47 Relations established under section 2-79a;
- 48 (25) The Commission on Children established under section 46a-126;
- 49 (26) The task force on the development of incentives for conserving
- 50 energy in state buildings established under section 16a-39b;
- 51 (27) Repealed by P.A. 10-106, S. 16;
- 52 (28) The State Dental Commission, established under section 20-
- 53 103a;
- 54 (29) The Connecticut Economic Information Steering Committee,
- established under section 32-6i;
- 56 (30) Repealed by P.A. 95-257, S. 57, 58;
- 57 (31) Repealed by P.A. 10-93, S. 12; and
- 58 (32) Regulation of audiologists under sections 20-395a to 20-395g,
- 59 inclusive.
- 60 (b) The following governmental entities and programs are

61 terminated, effective July 1, [2014] 2015, unless reestablished in

- 62 accordance with the provisions of section 2c-10:
- 63 (1) Program of regulation of sanitarians, established under chapter
- 64 395;
- 65 (2) Program of regulation of subsurface sewage disposal system
- 66 installers and cleaners, established under chapter 393a;
- 67 (3) Program of regulation of bedding and upholstered furniture
- established by sections 21a-231 to 21a-236, inclusive;
- 69 (4) Regional mental health boards, established under section 17a-
- 70 484;
- 71 (5) Repealed by P.A. 88-285, S. 34, 35;
- 72 (6) All advisory boards for state hospitals and facilities, established
- 73 under section 17a-470;
- 74 (7) Repealed by P.A. 85-613, S. 153, 154;
- 75 (8) State Board of Examiners for Physical Therapists, established
- 76 under section 20-67;
- 77 (9) Commission on Medicolegal Investigations, established under
- 78 subsection (a) of section 19a-401;
- 79 (10) Board of Mental Health and Addiction Services, established
- 80 under section 17a-456;
- 81 (11) Repealed by P.A. 95-257, S. 57, 58;
- 82 (12) Commission on Prison and Jail Overcrowding established
- 83 under section 18-87j; and
- 84 (13) The residential energy conservation service program authorized
- 85 under sections 16a-45a, 16a-46 and 16a-46a.
- 86 (c) The following governmental entities and programs are

87 terminated, effective July 1, [2015] 2016, unless reestablished in

- 88 accordance with the provisions of section 2c-10:
- 89 (1) Board of Firearms Permit Examiners, established under section
- 90 29-32b;
- 91 (2) State Board of Landscape Architects, established under section
- 92 20-368;
- 93 (3) Repealed by P.A. 89-364, S. 6, 7;
- 94 (4) Police Officer Standards and Training Council, established under
- 95 section 7-294b;
- 96 (5) State Board of Examiners for Professional Engineers and Land
- 97 Surveyors, established under section 20-300;
- 98 (6) State boards for occupational licensing, established under section
- 99 20-331;
- 100 (7) Commission of Pharmacy, established under section 20-572;
- 101 (8) Connecticut Real Estate Commission, established under section
- 102 20-311a;
- 103 (9) State Codes and Standards Committee, established under section
- 104 29-251;
- 105 (10) Commission on Fire Prevention and Control, established under
- 106 section 7-323k;
- 107 (11) Program of regulation of building demolition, established
- 108 under section 29-401;
- 109 (12) Repealed by P.A. 93-262, S. 86, 87 and P.A. 93-423, S. 7; and
- 110 (13) Connecticut Food Policy Council, established under section 22-
- 111 456.
- 112 (d) The following governmental entities and programs are

113 terminated, effective July 1, [2016] 2017, unless reestablished in

- accordance with the provisions of section 2c-10:
- 115 (1) State Insurance and Risk Management Board, established under
- 116 section 4a-19;
- 117 (2) Connecticut Marketing Authority, established under section 22-
- 118 63;
- 119 (3) Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission,
- 120 established under section 31-376;
- 121 (4) Connecticut Siting Council, established under section 16-50j;
- 122 (5) Connecticut Public Transportation Commission, established
- 123 under section 13b-11a;
- 124 (6) State Board of Accountancy, established under section 20-280;
- 125 (7) Repealed by P.A. 99-73, S. 10;
- 126 (8) Repealed by P.A. 85-613, S. 153, 154;
- 127 (9) State Milk Regulation Board, established under section 22-131;
- 128 (10) Deleted by P.A. 99-73, S. 1;
- 129 (11) Council on Environmental Quality, established under section
- 130 22a-11;
- 131 (12) Repealed by P.A. 85-613, S. 153, 154;
- 132 (13) Repealed by P.A. 83-487, S. 32, 33;
- 133 (14) Employment Security Board of Review, established under
- 134 section 31-237c;
- 135 (15) Repealed by P.A. 85-613, S. 153, 154;
- 136 (16) Connecticut Energy Advisory Board, established under section
- 137 16a-3;

138 (17) Connecticut Solid Waste Management Advisory Council, 139 established under subsection (a) of section 22a-279;

- 140 (18) Investment Advisory Council, established under section 3-13b;
- 141 (19) State Properties Review Board, established under subsection (a)
- of section 4b-3;
- 143 (20) Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities, established
- 144 under section 46a-52;
- 145 (21) The coastal management program, established under chapter
- 146 444;
- 147 (22) Repealed by P.A. 09-234, S. 15;
- 148 (23) Family support grant program of the Department of Social
- 149 Services, established under section 17b-616;
- 150 (24) Program of regulation of occupational therapists, established
- 151 under chapter 376a;
- 152 (25) Repealed by P.A. 85-613, S. 153, 154;
- 153 (26) Architectural Licensing Board, established under section 20-289;
- 154 (27) Repealed by June Sp. Sess. P.A. 01-5, S. 17, 18; and
- 155 (28) The Connecticut Transportation Strategy Board.
- 156 (e) The following governmental entities and programs are
- 157 terminated, effective July 1, [2017] 2018, unless reestablished in
- accordance with the provisions of section 2c-10:
- 159 (1) Regional advisory councils for children and youth center
- 160 facilities, established under section 17a-30;
- 161 (2) Repealed by P.A. 93-262, S. 86, 87;
- 162 (3) Advisory Council on Children and Families, established under

- 163 section 17a-4;
- 164 (4) Board of Education and Services for the Blind, established under
- 165 section 10-293;
- 166 (5) Repealed by P.A. 84-361, S. 6, 7;
- 167 (6) Commission on the Deaf and Hearing Impaired, established
- 168 under section 46a-27;
- 169 (7) Advisory and planning councils for regional centers for the
- mentally retarded, established under section 17a-273;
- 171 (8) Repealed by P.A. 01-141, S. 15, 16;
- 172 (9) Repealed by P.A. 94-245, S. 45, 46;
- 173 (10) Repealed by P.A. 85-613, S. 153, 154;
- 174 (11) State Library Board, established under section 11-1;
- 175 (12) Advisory Council for Special Education, established under
- 176 section 10-76i;
- 177 (13) Repealed by June 30 Sp. Sess. P.A. 03-6, S. 248;
- 178 (14) Repealed by June 30 Sp. Sess. P.A. 03-6, S. 248;
- 179 (15) Repealed by P.A. 89-362, S. 4, 5;
- 180 (16) Repealed by June Sp. Sess. P.A. 91-14, S. 28, 30;
- 181 (17) Repealed by P.A. 90-230, S. 100, 101;
- 182 (18) State Commission on Capitol Preservation and Restoration,
- 183 established under section 4b-60;
- 184 (19) Repealed by P.A. 90-230, S. 100, 101; and
- 185 (20) Examining Board for Crane Operators, established under
- 186 section 29-222.

Sec. 2. Section 2c-3 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

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189 The Legislative Program Review and Investigations Committee, 190 established by the provisions of section 2-53e, shall conduct a 191 performance audit of each governmental entity and program 192 scheduled for termination under section 2c-2b, as amended by this act. 193 The Legislative Program Review and Investigations Committee shall 194 complete its performance audit by January first of the year in which 195 the governmental entity [and] or program [are] is scheduled for 196 termination under section 2c-2b, as amended by this act, except that 197 the chairpersons of the Legislative Program Review and Investigations 198 Committee may select any governmental entity or program scheduled 199 for termination under said section for a performance audit at any time. 200 In conducting the audit, the committee shall take into consideration, 201 but not be limited to considering, the factors set forth in sections 2c-7 202 and 2c-8. The entities enumerated in section 2c-2b, as amended by this 203 act, shall cooperate with the Legislative Program Review and 204 Investigations Committee in carrying out the purposes of sections 2c-1 205 to 2c-12, inclusive, and shall provide such information, books, records 206 and documents as said committee may require to conduct its performance audit. Each governmental entity or program scheduled 207 208 for termination pursuant to section 2c-2b, as amended by this act, shall 209 provide at the request of the Program Review and Investigations 210 Committee an analysis of its activities which specifically addresses the 211 factors enumerated in sections 2c-7 and 2c-8.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	from passage	2c-2b
Sec. 2	from passage	2c-3

Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

Clarified language in section 2.

PRI Joint Favorable Subst. C/R GAE

GAE Joint Favorable Subst.-LCO

The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill delays for one year the review of all agencies and programs subject to termination under the sunset law. The bill also allows the Legislative Program Review and Investigations Committee to select any governmental entity or program scheduled for termination under the sunset law for a performance audit at any time.

The Out Years

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

OLR Bill Analysis sSB 1027

AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PROGRAM REVIEW AND INVESTIGATIONS COMMITTEE CONCERNING THE POSTPONEMENT OF PROGRAM TERMINATION DATES IN THE SUNSET LAW.

SUMMARY:

This bill (1) delays for one year the review of all agencies and programs subject to termination under the sunset law and (2) authorizes the chairpersons of the Program Review and Investigations (PRI) Committee to at any time select an agency or program from those subject to sunset for a performance audit.

Under the sunset law, 76 licensing, regulatory, and other state agencies and programs terminate on set dates unless the General Assembly reestablishes them after the PRI Committee conducts a performance audit of each. Existing law, unchanged by the bill, requires the committee to conduct these audits by January 1 of the year in which the agency or program is scheduled to sunset. The committee must review the public need for each entity according to established criteria and report to the legislature its recommendations for the entity's abolition, reestablishment, modification, or consolidation. The act delays the termination dates as follows:

Current Termination Date	Termination Date Under the Bill
July 1, 2013	July 1, 2014
July 1, 2014	July 1, 2015
July 1, 2015	July 1, 2016
July 1, 2016	July 1, 2017
July 1, 2017	July 1, 2018

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

COMMITTEE ACTION

Program Review and Investigations Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute Change of Reference Yea 12 Nay 0 (03/11/2011)

Government Administration and Elections Committee

Joint Favorable Yea 14 Nay 0 (03/30/2011)